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2 Chronicles 20:1-25

What do you do with an impossible situation? You have a mountain to move and not even a teaspoon to move it with! You have sought out answers to your problem from every direction. And, over and over again there is no solution. Every direction simply leads you back to the same answer. There is nothing left for you to do. It is a hopeless situation.

2 Chronicles 20:1-25 is just that story. It is an impossible situation! There is a vast army coming to destroy Jehoshaphat and the nation of Judah. They are unstoppable. This is such a vast army that they seemingly stretch from one horizon to the next. And they are on their way, and Jehoshaphat is not ready.

What do you do? What did Jehoshaphat do? He did the only thing he knew that he could do. He sought the Lord to conquer his impossible situation. This is a really cool story that gives you and I some indicators.

First of all Jehoshaphat called for a fast. All of the men women and children were called a fast. But what is a fast? Simply speaking the word fast means to abstain from something. Biblically, one would fast from food. The idea is that when we don't eat we get hungry. Our hunger is a reminder that our soul is starving for Almighty God. We starve the physical body to feed the spiritual body. We fast then to have our voices heard on high.

Secondly, Jehoshaphat prayed. As full faith followers we are invited into a conversation with the Lord. That is exactly what prayer is, a conversation with our creator. If we want our voices to be heard on high then we must pray. When we pray we are seeking God's face. In this situation we are seeking his face for victory over our impossible situation.

Thirdly, Jehoshaphat worshipped the Lord. He set the worshipers to the front line full well knowing that God inhabits the praise of His people! It is vitally important for you and I to remember to worship the Lord no matter what our situation. Not only does He deserve our worship, but He inhabits our worship. When God is present, there is power, and hope, and victory to be had. When God is present things happen!

It is important for you and I to remember that God is sovereign over all things. Sometimes in His sovereignty his answer is no. Is He still God? Does He still love us? Do we still have the victory? I believe the answer is yes. We may not like His answer, but the truth of the matter is He is still working for the good of those who love Him.